

Notes to the Town:

The month of November is upon us, budget, elections and preparing for winter weather are foremost on our minds. We find ourselves in all stages of projects around the Town.

Budget hearing was advertised and held on November 7, 2002. We are planning a total budget of two million dollars. We have the same increases as other local governments in the manner of insurance, liability, property, health, retirement and Workmen's Compensation to cover. Additionally, in 2003 the responsibility of the Town wide run recreation staff will originate from the Town A fund budget only. These increases amount to additional cost of \$135,000 to the Town Budget. Through unexpended fund balances we are applying \$35,000 to cover these additional expenses for 2003 budget. \$100,000 will be collected in the A fund of the tax levy this year as a result of the recreation department move and increased costs in insurances. A Fund Budget is taxed community wide. \$ 77,400 will be collected in taxes in the DA Fund also. The result is a seventy cents per thousand tax rate. The average assessed home in LeRoy of 80,000 would pay \$56.00 in annual Town taxes. The Town had also received the Fire District budget to levy. Fire District will levy a total of \$418,000 on the 2003 town and county tax bill.

Water District #6 will receive a special assessment on their tax bill for an interest payment on the bond of \$ 227,400.00. This represents the low interest loan portion of the Rural Development program that has enabled that district to be built. \$9096.00 is the amount being collected from the benefit residences only.

Elections are now behind us. The moving of the election districts from the Fire Hall to Town Hall again caused confusion. Election Districts 1, 2 & 3 moved to 48 Main street last year. Board of Election Commissioners from the County had mailed to each registered voter a postcard prior to November with the number of your election district and location. For the future we are requesting that the election board publish this list by address prior to the next election to avoid confusion.

Preparing for winter as the first sand, salt and plow run was accomplished. Highway staff is receiving sand and salt at Asbury Road and mixing for ready loading and application when necessary. We are also providing a sand and salt supply location for the School and Village governments. This collective use of facilities and equipment serves our taxpayers very well.

Projects underway are Water District #6 on Route 19 South. We are awaiting approval from Rural Development for contractor to start water line installation. Underground Technology Inc. has submitted all of their required documents and the Town has signed off the as appropriate for the approval. We are anticipating the project will move ahead shortly.

Route 5, Church, Gulf and Circular Hill Road water services have begun being installed. Dakksco Pipeline, Inc. won contract and is on site. He anticipates a month to provide the work involved.